

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(OFFICIAL.)

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 1892.

The board of supervisors of Kent county convened at the supervisors' room in the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, and was called to order by the chairman at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The clerk read the following:
To Cornelius L. Harvey, County Clerk of Kent County, Michigan:

We the undersigned members of the board of supervisors of said county, do hereby request you to call a special meeting of said board to be held at the supervisors' room in the court house in the city of Grand Rapids, Kent county, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 9th day of August, A. D. 1892, in accordance with the provisions of section 482 of volume 1, Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. LOOMIS, L. E. PAIGE,
JAMES HILL, H. O. BRAMAN,
H. D. FROST, CHAS. E. HOGADONE,
J. T. GOULD, H. LEPPINK,
FREDERICK LATHROP, F. H. GILL,
GEO. E. COGSWELL, JOHN FEHSENFELD,
M. J. ULRICH, HENRY B. PROCTOR,
JOHN BENJAMIN.

The roll being called a quorum responded.
The following report was read:
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your special committee on selling county property at the corner of Lyon and Kent streets, in the city of Grand Rapids, would respectfully report that after the action of your honorable body in fixing the price of the said property, and authorizing your committee to list the same in the regular way with some real estate dealer, your committee carried out your instructions by giving a contract in the regular way for the sale of the property to C. E. Hagadone, and he having notified your committee that he had secured a sale of the property to Mr. Willard Barnhart of this city, and a deposit of \$500.00 to secure the bargain had been made, therefore your committee would respectfully recommend that the chairman and clerk of the board be, and are hereby authorized and instructed to execute and deliver to the said Willard Barnhart a good and sufficient warranty deed of the said property upon his payment of the balance of the purchase price \$24,500.00, to the county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES D. STEBBINS,
J. W. WALKER,
CHARLES E. HOGADONE,
Committee on Sale of County Property.

Mr. Gill moved that the report be received and the recommendation therein contained concurred in, which prevailed by the following vote, Mr. Loomis calling for the yeas and nays:
Yeas—Messrs. Benjamin, Braman, Cogswell, Colson, Emmons, Fehsenfeld, Frost, Gill, Gould, Hill, Hodges, Hogadone, Holben, Kinney, Lathrop, Leppink, Loomis, O'Leary, Paige, Proctor, Rosenberg, Skeels, Smith, Soloman, Ulrich, Walker, Ward, Warner, E. C. Woodworth, chairman—37.
Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Hyde and Schermerhorn—2.

The committee on court house building made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:
GENTLEMEN—Your committee on court house building deem it desirable to have a bronze metal rail around all the light wells and stair railing raised about eight inches above the present height of rail. Your committee has procured an estimate of cost and the work can be done in a substantial manner, bronze and varnished, at a cost not to exceed \$382. Your committee recommend that they be given authority to make this addition at not to exceed the amount as above.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. LOOMIS,
W. D. FROST,
JAMES HILL,
J. T. GOULD,
Committee on Court House Building.

Mr. Hogadone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which prevailed by the unanimous vote of all the members present:

Whereas, At a session of the legislature held at Lansing, August 6th inst., an act to reappoint the representatives among the districts and counties of this state was passed; and, whereas, it becomes the duty of the several boards of supervisors of this state to re-district the several counties; therefore

Resolved, That the boundaries of the several representative districts of the county of Kent be as follows: That the First district shall comprise the city of Grand Rapids and shall be entitled to three representatives. Population, 60,273.

The second district shall comprise the following townships and shall be entitled to one representative, to-wit: Byron, 1,745
Gaines, 1,331

Caledonia, 1,755
Bowne, 1,214
Lowell, 3,145
Cascad, 1,147
Paris, 3,171
Wyoming, 3,234
Grand Rapids, 3,235
Ada, 1,295
Vergennes, 1,694

Total population, 27,507
The Third district shall comprise the following townships and shall be entitled to one representative, to-wit: Population.
Grattan, 1,109
Cannon, 1,115
Plainfield, 1,571
Alpine, 1,382
Sparta, 2,639
Algoma, 2,677
Courtland, 1,280
Oakfield, 1,048
Spencer, 1,260
Nelson, 2,147
Solon, 1,769
Tyrone, 1,501
Walker, 3,239

Total population, 22,137
On motion of Mr. Skeels the committee on poor house building was authorized to have constructed on the poor farm suitable cisterns for soft water, as the committee may deem necessary.

The committee on court house building made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Skeels the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:
Gentlemen—Your committee on court house building respectfully report that they have made final settlement with nearly all contracting parties on the court house building, two or three still have a small amount of work remaining to be done. It is the expectation of the committee that the final report with a complete report of the cost, etc., will be ready at the opening of the next session of the board.

Your committee find that the work performed under some of the contracts amount to somewhat in excess of estimates made by the committee. This is true of interior glass, grading and siding, and of the amount allowed by special committee on vault fixtures, (which latter amount is drawn from the court house fund.) There was also more work, extra, for the carpenter, Mr. Ackerman, than the committee had estimated. As the matter stands today the amounts which the committee has allowed, plus claims now about due, will overdraw the court house fund about \$600; add to this item of bronze metal railing recommended by the committee and we would be about \$1,000 short of amount needed to complete the work.

Your committee therefore recommends that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be transferred from the general fund to the court house building fund, to be used only in accordance with directions of the board heretofore made and governing this fund.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. LOOMIS,
W. D. FROST,
JAMES HILL,
J. T. GOULD,

Court House Building Committee.
Mr. Loomis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which prevailed by the unanimous vote of all the members present:

Resolved, That the clerk of the board be and is hereby requested to convey to the Hon. R. W. Butterfield of this city the thanks of this board for his able and interesting address delivered on the occasion of the public dedication of the court house building July 4th last; also the thanks of this board to the Rev. J. H. Maynard of Sparta and the Rev. George D. Gillespie of this city for their services as chaplains on that occasion.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell the matter of selling the furniture, etc., formerly used in the old county building, was referred to the committee on public buildings with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Skeels, a majority of the members elect voting therefor, the committee on poor house building was authorized to place such insurance on the poor house building as may be by them deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. Gill the board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

After Recess.

The board being again called to order by the chairman, Supervisor Hyde appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Cogswell moved that the committee on public buildings be instructed to have carpeted the offices of the county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds and supervisors' room.

Mr. Emmons moved to amend said motion by striking out the words "supervisors' room."

Carried by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for:

Yeas—Messrs. Colson, Emmons, Fehsenfeld, Gould, Hill, Hodges, Holben, Hyde, Kinney, Lathrop, Leppink, Loomis, O'Leary, Paige, Proctor, Rosenberg, Skeels, Smith, Soloman, Watkins, E. C. Woodworth, W. F. Woodworth, chairman—24.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Cogswell, Gill, Leppink, Potter, Ulrich, Ward—6.

Not voting—Messrs. Benjamin, Braman, Frost, Hogadone, Loomis, O'Leary, Warner, Walker—8.

Mr. Colson moved that the further consideration of the subject matter be postponed indefinitely.

Carried by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for:

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